



Renton Library over the Cedar River

Closure FAQs

When is the library closing?

The library will close on Sunday, June 22, at 5:00 P.M.

How long is the construction project?

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the project will take roughly one year.

Updates will be posted on the King County Library System (KCLS) website

<http://www.kcls.org/usingthelibrary/locations/about.cfm?LocID=46>

and the City website: <http://rentonwa.gov/living/default.aspx?id=842>

Who is the architect?

The Miller-Hull Partnership.

<http://www.millerhull.com/html/home.htm>

Who is the contractor?

CE&C, Inc.

<http://www.ce-cinc.com/>

Where can I go for library services while the library is under construction?

There are a number of local options.

- There will be a temporary library site with Holds, Choice Reads, DVDs and some public PC's at **64 Rainier Ave S, #A**, in downtown Renton.
- The Renton Highlands Library is located at 2902 NE 12th Street.
- The Skyway Library is located at 7614 South 126th Street in Seattle, 98178.
- The Newcastle Library is located at 12901 Newcastle Way in Newcastle, 98056.
- The Fairwood Temporary site located at 14238 SE 176th Street Renton, 98058.

What is being done to the library?

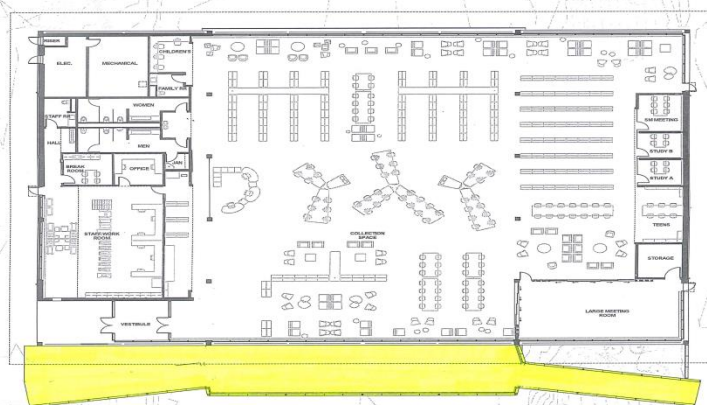
The library is being reconstructed to meet all current building, energy, and seismic codes. The interior layout will be altered to conform to KCLS operational efficiency standards. These will be extensive changes:

- The entire south parking lot will be fenced off for construction staging. In addition, parts of Liberty Park on the north bank, and an equipment access area from the parking lot, will be fenced off for an extended period
[http://rentonwa.gov/uploadedFiles/Living/CS/Aerial%20Construction%20Access%20Exhibit%2006%2012%202014\(2\).pdf](http://rentonwa.gov/uploadedFiles/Living/CS/Aerial%20Construction%20Access%20Exhibit%2006%2012%202014(2).pdf)
- Large, deeply-anchored concrete footings will be put in place on both the north and south shores of the Cedar River, and the existing library structure will be attached to these to provide seismic stability.
- Large amounts of floor-to-ceiling glass will be added on both ends of the building that face the river to provide better river views and more natural light.



View larger pictures here:

<http://rentonwa.gov/uploadedFiles/Living/CS/Arch%20Sketch%20West%20View%20Entry%20View.pdf>



Floor plan with pedestrian bridge highlighted

- Portions of the roof will be changed and the entire roof surface will be replaced.
- All the mechanical systems will be replaced and the new systems will be highly energy-efficient. The insulation will be much better and this will also add to the efficiency of the building.
- The utilities will be upgraded; modern lighting and lighting controls will be installed including daylighting controls, which automatically adjust the level of building lighting depending on how much natural light is available; and electrical capacity (for computers) will be greatly increased.
- As part of the seismic engineering plan, additions to the library from previous remodels will be removed. The floor plate will be a rectangle with no jogs, as it was when it was first constructed.
<http://rentonwa.gov/uploadedFiles/Living/CS/Floor%20plan%2006%2013%202014.pdf>
- All finishes and furnishings will be replaced.

How will the closure affect activities in Liberty Park, such as Renton River Days and my softball games?

- During Renton River Days, access from the south (the 200 Mill parking lot) will be provided across the pedestrian bridge and into Liberty Park. At all other times, access will be restricted during construction for safety reasons.
- Activities planned during the day may have some noise to contend with from construction, particularly in the early going, July through September; night time activities should not be affected as construction will occur between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.
- The Liberty Park parking lot spaces will rarely be affected.
- In addition to the restrooms in the Liberty Park Grandstand, the Liberty Park restrooms near the playground will be open during the day. Portable toilets will also be made available.

Will the Cedar River Trail be closed at Liberty Park?

- Accommodations will be made to temporarily route the trail around the construction zone
- The ADA access ramp at the northwest corner of the library will be maintained except when construction activity is so close that it threatens public safety. The next closest ADA access point to the trail is at the Renton Senior Activity Center

What about the public art inside and outside of the library?

The City owns the public art. Art inside the building is being relocated to other venues. The Stiltwalker and Library Boy statues will be removed for safekeeping and reinstalled within the modified landscaping on the north side of the library

What about security and surveillance in Liberty Park and at the Library?

All of Liberty Park has camera coverage, with an emphasis on the typical assembly areas. These cameras were updated last year and in several cases have provided police with high-definition evidence to pursue wrongdoers. However, citizen involvement is the Number One way that public safety can be preserved – if you see or hear uncivil behavior, CALL 911.

The Renton Police Department will be using bicycle patrols in the downtown core and Liberty Park.

Is there associated work going on at the same time in the park?

- Four large cottonwood trees, one to the east of the library and three on the west side of the library, have been severely damaged by beavers and will be removed late this summer. The trees will be replaced.

- One of the cherry trees in the area – not the one closest to the library – is in severe decline and has become diseased. The City Forester’s report on that tree is here:

Report:

<http://rentonwa.gov/uploadedFiles/Living/CS/Cherry%20Tree%20Information.pdf>

Pictures:

<http://rentonwa.gov/uploadedFiles/Living/CS/CT%20Pix.pdf>

A crabapple tree near the library sign at the parking lot is also severely damaged by disease and will be removed.

- The playground equipment is scheduled to be replaced and will include a playground re-design.
- Additional adult fitness equipment will be added to the re-designed playground area as the result of a grant from King County as part of the **“I” CANN Initiative**.

Where can I get information updates?

Updates can be found at the City web site, which also contains a link to the KCLS construction information page, which includes monthly project updates:

<http://rentonwa.gov/living/default.aspx?id=842>